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House of Representatives, February 7, 2019

**An Act To Allow Holders of Gold Star Family Registration Plates
To Be Issued Complimentary Licenses To Hunt, Trap and Fish and
To Exempt Them from Vehicle Registration Fees**

Reference to the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "R B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative FECTION of Augusta.
Cosponsored by Representatives: ANDREWS of Paris, FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor,
FECTION of Biddeford, MARTIN of Sinclair, STROM of Pittsfield.

1 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

2 **Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §10853, sub-§18** is enacted to read:

3 **18. Gold star family registration plate holder.** A complimentary license to hunt,
4 trap and fish, including permits, stamps and other permissions needed to hunt, may be
5 issued, upon application, to the holder of a registration certificate and a set of gold star
6 family registration plates pursuant to Title 29-A, section 524-B.

7 **Sec. 2. 29-A MRSA §501**, as amended by PL 2015, c. 206, §4 and c. 267, Pt.
8 BBBB, §1, is further amended by adding at the end a new paragraph to read:

9 A person possessing or applying for a registration certificate and a set of gold star
10 family registration plates pursuant to section 524-B is exempt from registration fees under
11 this section for the motor vehicle registered or to be registered.

12 **Sec. 3. 29-A MRSA §524-B, sub-§1**, as amended by PL 2015, c. 17, §1 and
13 affected by §3, is further amended to read:

14 **1. Eligibility.** Notwithstanding the requirements in section 468-A, the Secretary of
15 State, upon application and upon evidence of payment of the excise tax required by Title
16 36, section 1482 ~~and the annual motor vehicle registration fee required by section 501,~~
17 shall issue a registration certificate and a set of gold star family registration plates, to be
18 used in lieu of regular registration plates, to:

19 A. A person who is eligible to receive a gold star lapel button under 10 United States
20 Code, Section 1126 (2010);

21 B. A grandparent of a member of the United States Armed Forces, if that member
22 dies after March 28, 1973 as a result of:

23 (1) An international terrorist attack against the United States or a foreign nation
24 friendly to the United States, recognized as such an attack by the United States
25 Secretary of Defense; or

26 (2) Military operations while serving outside the United States, including the
27 commonwealths, territories and possessions of the United States, as a part of a
28 peacekeeping force;

29 C. A person who is not eligible to receive a gold star lapel button under 10 United
30 States Code, Section 1126 (2010) but who is eligible for a lapel button for next of kin
31 of deceased personnel under 32 Code of Federal Regulations, Section 578.63 (2006);
32 and

33 D. A grandparent of a member of the United States Armed Forces, if that member
34 dies while serving on active duty or while assigned in the reserve components of the
35 United States Armed Forces or Army National Guard unit in a drill status.

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SUMMARY

This bill allows the holder of a registration certificate and a set of gold star family registration plates pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 29-A, section 524-B to be issued a complimentary license to hunt, trap and fish, including permits, stamps and other permissions needed to hunt. It also exempts a person with a registration certificate and a set of gold star family registration plates from the annual motor vehicle registration fee.